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**Confident, Respectful, Curious Kids**

**1st April 2011 – Term 1 – Week 9 – Family Issue**

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**WAIKARI SCHOOL NEWS – PRINCIPAL**

Greetings everybody,

I would like to begin this week’s newsletter by thanking the BOT for their purchase of 8 fantastic new Toshiba laptops. They have already been configured for school use and yesterday it was great to see all of Room 3 working diligently with the newly acquired technology. Student feedback about the new computers has been very positive to say the least!

Room 3 looks forward to presenting their photographic exhibition at the Amberley community library. This showcase runs from the 5th of April through to the 1st of May. Please take the time to drop in to the library and share in our student’s success. The work produced is outstanding and a real credit to both our students and their teacher Mrs Lydon.

Next Monday weather permitting, we will visit Motonau Beach on a full school trip to install our pre-constructed penguin habitats/ nesting boxes. We will leave at approximately 9:30a.m. and return at 2:30p.m. Many thanks to all of our parents & caregivers who have indicated a willingness to help with transport.

We are still looking for someone to assume the role of school bus driver commencing Term 2. The hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00a.m-9:00a.m & 2:50p.m-3:50p.m. If you are interested, please contact me at the school office for more information.

Well done to our group of students who are setting up a food/ raffle stall at the Weka Pass Railway in Waikari on Sunday. Your self-initiated actions to help raise money for the Canterbury earthquake is tremendous and on behalf of the staff, we applaud you! Please don’t bake too much more in the kitchen though; it is difficult for the principal to remain on-task with those wonderful aromas wafting through to his office!

Have a lovely relaxing weekend!

**Next Community Newsletter**

***8th April***

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Andrew Kemp

Principal

**BOARD TALK**

The earthquake has brought challenging and difficult times for the wider Canterbury community. The staff and children have done a fantastic job welcoming and accommodating all our new children – and the Board would like to acknowledge this.

We had a great Board meeting last Thursday and are making really exciting in-roads into getting the school digitally enhanced!! The Board is very happy to announce that we recently approved funding for 10 new laptops for the school. They have now arrived and the students and Mrs Lydon are putting them to good use. In keeping with beefing up the school’s technology capabilities – we would like to remind the school community to use and support the wiki.... waikarischool.wikispaces.com

We are also currently reviewing the school property plan and looking to initiate some exciting improvements to the grounds in what will probably be a 5 year plan.........we will keep you updated!!!!!

Have a good weekend, Tanya.

**Bus Driver**

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of School Bus Driver for Waikari School for Term 2. To apply, or for further information please contact Andrew Kemp at the school office – 03 3144250.

**School Dental Services – School Holidays**

The school Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8.30am – 12.30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

**Monday 18th April – Friday 29th April 2011 (excluding weekends, Good Friday and Easter Monday)**

Routine treatment will not be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise. Dental Clinic telephones will have a message regarding how to access emergency care.

**Events Coming Up:**

Monday 4th April **Motunau Beach Trip – Installing penguin boxes. If the weather is not favourable, only Room 3 will be attending, but we will need all parents offering transport to turn up on Monday morning as we may not know the outlook for the day till closer to the time of leaving.**

Friday 15th April Community Assembly at 2.30pm **Last day of Term 1**

Monday 2nd May **Term 2 Begins**

**Meetings:**

**Church Notices**

**Anglican: Sunday 3rd April** Scargill – 10.00am

**Catholic: Sunday 3rd April** Hawarden – 5.00pm

**Garden Club: Monday 4th April -** 1.30pm at the Waikari Scout Den – Speaker: Fred Hollingworth

**General:**



FOR SALE: Weaner Piglets, good fatteners. $85 – phone: 027 2600668

SCHOOL LUNCHES: Please note: Next week School Lunches will be delivered on Wednesday 6th April (not Thursday)

* **Girl Guides:** Girl Guide Biscuits are sold out. Thank you to everyone for your support. Amuri Girl Guiding
* Shakespeare Play Reading Group: The next reading – Julius Caesar, is on Friday April 8th. Please phone Deb Howell if you would like to come along. Tel: 3144410



**Student of the Week**

**~Caitlin Wilkins~**

**For showing outstanding sportsmanship at the Tee-Ball Tournament in Scargill this week!**



Room 3’s New Laptops

We have now got 16 laptops in Room 3, they are awesome. We are learning to do cool things on them.

*Jack*

I really like the 10 new laptops that we have in Room 3. We got them because there were not enough computers for all of us, now there is! It’s fantastic! *Finn*

Yesterday we got 10 new computers; they are great and easy to use. It was great to be able to get all of our work done at one time as a class.

*Nic*

It is much more fun in Room 3 now that we have more computers to go around everyone.

*Cherie*

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We are very lucky to have 10 new laptops it is great that we can all get our work done at the same time so thank you to the Board of Trustees for getting the laptops they are great and we will use them lots so thanks again !!!!

*Gussie*

We are very lucky to have new computers in the class. Some schools don’t have the opportunity to have the great resources that we have in Room 3.

*Chantelle*

We are so lucky to have new laptops. Now we can get things done quicker. And they look like Mrs Lydon’s laptop!! We are going to have lots of fun.

*Hannah*